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On the cover:
The Doncaster Round Barn near Twin Bridges, Montana.
2005 Governor's Special Historic Preservation Award
Owned by Allan and Phyllis Hamilton
(Photo by Kirk Hamilton, 2002)

Montana Preservation Goals and Objectives 2003 - 2007

Goal I. Foster a preservation ethic for Montana's heritage properties

Objectives:

1. Instill an awareness and appreciation for Montana's heritage and heritage properties.
2. Encourage the integration of historic preservation in planning and policy-making.
3. Promote the cultural, social, and economic benefits of historic preservation.
4. Provide leadership and vision in historic preservation.

Goal II. Identify, evaluate, and recognize Montana's heritage properties

Objectives:

1. Survey or support the survey of un-inventoried properties throughout the state.
2. Guide the development and use of historical contexts for evaluating the significance and integrity of Montana's archaeological, historic, and cultural sites.
3. Encourage and assist owners to list properties in the National Register of Historic Places.

Goal III. Create and support a statewide comprehensive source for information about Montana's heritage properties and historic preservation

Objectives:

1. Acquire, organize, and share data on the state's archaeological, historic, and traditional cultural sites.
2. Gather, develop, and disseminate historic preservation guidance and standards.
3. Identify financial and human resources to assist preservation.

Goal IV. Encourage the involvement of Montana's tribes in historic preservation

Objectives:

1. Meet regularly with tribal cultural representatives to discuss issues and concerns.
2. Sponsor or co-sponsor forums that include Native Americans.
3. Facilitate the consideration of tribal perspectives regarding the treatment of heritage properties.

Goal V. Work effectively with all agencies, organizations, and individuals for good stewardship and sensitive treatment of Montana's heritage properties

Objectives:

1. Effectively apply historic preservation programs, strategies, techniques, laws, and information to the preservation of Montana's heritage properties.
2. Solidify existing partnerships and form new consensus for the benefit of historic preservation.
3. Strengthen local and private efforts to preserve.
4. Develop and support special programs for the preservation of resources at risk.

Celebrating Three Federal FY2005 Montana Historic Preservation Highlights

Montana Celebrates Its Historic Places

The Montana Historical Society State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) hosted the 2005 Biennial Historic Preservation Awards on Thursday, January 20, 2005 at the Montana Club in Helena. These awards recognize the outstanding efforts of those who have worked to save and honor historic buildings and preserved properties across Montana. As it has been for the past twenty years, it was a special event that drew together many unsung heroes who dedicate their energies to preserving the best of our collective past. Montana Lt. Governor Bohlinger presented the awards, which honor individuals and organizations that have made significant contribution to the preservation of our significant places. In addition, owners of 27 properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places over the past two years received certificates of registration.

Montana Celebrates Its Staff Excellence

Dr. Stan Wilmoth, Montana State Archaeologist of the Montana SHPO received the 2005 National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO) Award for Staff Excellence in Historic Preservation in recognition of his outstanding performance in his job duties. Among his many accomplishments over the past 12 years are his contribution to the preservation of countless archaeological sites, his service to the management of the state's premier historic sites, and the return of Native American remains to their respective tribes after a complicated nine-year process. His dedication and thoughtfulness in building relationships between the SHPO and the THPOs and other cultural leaders for seven regional Native American nations is noteworthy. He has placed a high priority on bridging the often wide chasm between tribal interests in protecting sites of traditional cultural value and archaeologists passion for discovering scientific data. He has also enjoyed working with schools, including the Montana Heritage Project, to educate teachers and students about archaeology and its methods.

Montana Celebrates *a la Preservation Cafe*

Montana SHPO and the Montana Preservation Alliance (MPA) partnered with the Yellowstone Historic Preservation Board and the Western Heritage Center to host the very popular "*Preservation Cafe*" conference and workshop in Billings last summer. Eighty-five attended the two-day event, including community historic preservation officers and commissioners, MPA board members, architects, planners, city and county commissioners, Sheridan MainStreet board and staff, and a building inspector. MPA announced their "Most Endangered List" at the opening reception. Attendees chose from a 'menu' of workshop topics including obtaining brown highway signage, making building codes works for historic buildings, night sky preservation, and archeological survey for subdivision development. Several new partners and sponsors were identified for this annual conference/workshop as the interest and attendance grows each year.

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ADMINISTRATIVE PROGRAM

. Perform regular, allowable administrative activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: budget formulation; personnel management and development; administrative organization; and fiscal management {Goals/Objectives 1.4; III.3; V.1}

- ✓ Complied with National Park Service (NPS) policies and procedures in allocation and expenditure of FY2005 federal grant (Historic Preservation Fund).
- ✓ Maintained professional staffing requirements including individuals meeting or exceeding the Secretary of the Interior Standards for professional qualifications in historic preservation, history, architectural history, and archaeology.
- ✓ Staff attendance and participation in professional conferences and workshops to enhance knowledge, skills, and abilities: Plains Anthropological Conference, Billings (Oct 13-16, 2004); Western History Association Conference, Las Vegas (Oct 13-16, 2004); Montana History Conference, Whitefish (October 28-30, 2004); Montana Archaeological Society Conference, Three Forks (April 15-17, 2005); "Battles Won and Lost: Historic Preservation Stories and Issues" workshop, Missoula (May 6-7, 2005); Montana Annual State Preservation Workshop: *Preservation Café*, Billings (June 26-27, 2005); National Trust for Historic Preservation Conference, Portland (September 28-30, 2005).
- ✓ Staff training and professional development: "Digital Collection Development and Management", Feb-March, 2005 (Rolene Schliesman); Virginia City Preservation Institute Masonry Workshop, June 6-10, 2005 (Pete Brown); National Park Service Tax Credit Training, Washington D.C., July 19-22, 2005 (Pete Brown); Federal Highways/Montana Department of Transportation GIS for Environmental Training Workshop, July 27, 2005 (Damon Murdo); Lewis & Clark National Forest Monument Peak Lookout Restoration Passport-in-Time Field Project, August 8-12, 2005 (Josef Warhank); National Park Service Historic Preservation Fund Grants Management Training, Portland, OR, September 26-27, 2005 (Melisa Kaiser).
- ✓ Stan Wilmoth, Montana SHPO State Archaeologist was recipient of National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers 2005 Staff Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation.

. Provide testimony and justify state budget request for operational support for historic preservation to the 2005 biennial Montana State Legislature {Goal/Objective: I.3; III.3 (Completed)}

- ✓ Researched and formulated FY2006-2007 state budget request, including requested increase in state match for support of State Preservation Review Board and Information Technology.
- ✓ Prepared and delivered informational testimony for preservation-related bills, including County Courthouse Preservation Act (HB 614-failed), Montana Mainstreet Program (HB 481-passed), and the establishment of a 2005-2006 Historic and Cultural Advisory Commission (HB 777) established by Executive Order.
- ✓ Worked with Montana Preservation Alliance to assist Legislature in redirecting Department of Administration Long Range Building Planning funding for the demolition of the historic Montana Deaf & Dumb Asylum Building (Boulder) to preserving and mothballing the building instead.
- No increase in state funding received for the State Historic Preservation Office for FY2006-2007 biennium.

. Work to enhance staff communication, internally and with the public, to be most efficient and effective {Goal/Objective: V.1} (Completed)

- ✓ SHPO staff participated as a group in a series of professional development classes designed to enhance public communication and conflict resolution skills.
- ✓ Developed and instituted improved office telephone answering, messaging, and response procedures.
- ✓ Updated and revised informational packets on the National Register of Historic Places and Federal Tax Credit Programs for distribution to the public on request.

PLANNING PROGRAM

. Perform regular, allowable planning activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including participation in the creation, review, and revision of agency and local plans; the development of historic contexts; the support of state and local preservation ordinances, regulations, and laws; and the application of advanced technologies in historic and prehistoric property preservation planning {Goals/Objectives: I.2; I.4; II.2; III.2; V.1; V.3}

- ✓ Routinely updated SHPO website (www.montanahistoricalsociety.org/shpo) with information on preservation planning, policies, programs, and initiatives, including downloadable forms and guidance.

- ✓ Regularly monitored implementation of FY2005 proposed special work activities developed in accordance with the goals and objectives of the 2003-2007 Montana State Preservation Plan: *Working Together to PRESERVE MONTANA*.
- ✓ Continued to advise and work closely with City of Butte, Butte Historic Preservation Commission, Butte Historic Preservation Officer, and Butte Citizens for Preservation and Revitalization (Butte CPR) in local preservation planning and policy matters.
- ✓ Participated in community planning session for adaptive reuse of the historic Sullivan Building in Hardin, August 29, 2005.

SURVEY AND INVENTORY PROGRAM

. Perform regular, allowable survey and inventory activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: the conduct or support of surveys to locate, identify, record, and evaluate historic and archaeological sites; the development, maintenance and use of cultural resource inventory information; and the application of new technologies in support of the above {Goals/Objectives: II.1; II.2; III.1}

- ✓ 871 new cultural resource reports added to the SHPO statewide Cultural Resource Annotated Bibliography System (CRABS) and library, representing 131,067 acres of new survey [comparison: FY2004: 947 reports/152,265 acres; FY2003: 971 reports/136,999 acres survey and FY2002: 892 reports/80,356 acres survey]. There are currently 28,450 documents in CRABS.
- ✓ 1220 newly recorded cultural resource properties added to the Cultural Resource Information System (CRIS) database and statewide inventory maintained in partnership with the University of Montana Department of Anthropology, including 609 new historic sites, 587 new archaeological sites, and 24 combination historic/prehistoric sites [down from FY2004: 1617 new properties]. There are currently more than 44,200 properties recorded in Montana.
- ✓ Added 21 historic barns from the FY2004 Carbon County Certified Local Government (CLG) reconnaissance survey to the statewide inventory.
- ✓ Provided onsite training in community survey to Deer Lodge and Livingston CLG programs.
- ✓ Provided technical assistance and information to the Montana Preservation Alliance in the landscape study and inventory of the Tongue River Valley, southeast Montana.

. Explore new ways to access and share information about historic and archaeological sites through the State Antiquities Database {Goal/Objective: I.1; III.1}

(Completed)

- ✓ In consultation with the University of Montana Site Records Office and with support of the Bureau of Land Management State Data Sharing Initiative, developed and deployed an internet platform for controlled access to the State Antiquities database on the Montana State Library Natural Resource Information System (NRIS) web site.
- ✓ Created publicly accessible information on the presence/absence of recorded cultural properties in the Montana Natural Resource Information System Interactive Digital Atlas of Montana GIS website (<http://nr.is.mt.gov/interactive.html>)

. Develop and lead effort to identify and inventory significant Afro-American historic resources in Montana, including the built environment {Goal/Objective: II.1 & 2} (Initiated/Ongoing)

- ✓ Working with other programs of the MHS, successfully applied for and received a Montana Cultural & Aesthetics Grant for an Afro-American resource inventory project to be implemented in the 2006-2007 biennium.

. Update and revise Montana historic architectural survey manual and forms to make them more user-friendly and compatible with information management systems {Goal/Objective: III.2} (Partially Completed/Ongoing)

- ✓ Gathered examples of inventory forms and survey manuals from other states and drafted revised survey form.
- ✓ Revised current inventory form and posted on website for download in plain and data entry formats (www.his.state.mt.us/shpo: Forms)
- ✓ Created abbreviated inventory form for use by Housing and Urban Development (HUD) & United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA/RD) for facilitating and streamlining the identification and evaluation of properties in compliance with Section 106 of National Historic Preservation Act.

. Assist Missoula Certified Local Government (CLG) in the survey and inventory of the Missoula Downtown Historic District for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places {Goals/Objectives: II.1; II.3} (Initiated/Ongoing)

- ✓ Supplemental grant provided to Missoula CLG for survey, inventory, and nomination of Missoula Downtown Historic District.
- ✓ New and updated inventory forms completed.

- ✓ Draft National Register nomination reviewed for completeness, accuracy, and conformance with National Registration guidelines. Comments provided.
- ✓ Nomination to be presented to State Historic Preservation Review Board at January or May 2006 meeting.

. Design and conduct original archaeological survey and inventory in southeast Montana in conjunction with the Montana Historical Society Sobotka trust fund {Goal/Objective: II.1} (Incomplete/Cancelled)

- Initial project proposal lacks landowner support. New proposal to be developed.

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES PROGRAM

. Perform regular, allowable National Register program activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: support for the Montana State Historic Preservation Review Board; documentation and evaluation of properties for potential National Register listing; preparation and submission of nominations for eligible properties to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places; participation in the designation of National Historic Landmarks; public education and promotion of the National Register program; and the support of the official Montana National Register sign program {Goals/Objectives: II.2; II.3}

- ✓ Three 2-day meetings of the Montana State Historic Preservation Review Board held: January 20-21, 2005 (Helena); June 12-13, 2005 (Hardin); September 23-24, 2005 (Butte). Twenty (20) draft nominations approved for listing.
- ✓ Eighteen properties officially listed in the National Register of Historic Places in FY2005, including two new historic districts (HD) with a combined 38 individual contributing elements:

First Presbyterian Church of Whitefish, Flathead County	October 1, 2004
OTO Dude Ranch and Homestead, Park County	October 12, 2004
MT Veterans and Pioneers Memorial Building, Helena*	December 15, 2004
Helena Railroad Depot Historic District, Lewis & Clark Co	December 15, 2004
Belt Commercial Historic District, Cascade County	December 23, 2004
Howard School, Rosebud County	December 23, 2004
Burgess Garage, Richland County	December 30, 2004
Baker Hotel, Fallon County	January 5, 2005
Morgan-Case Homestead, Granite County	February 9, 2005
Lapierre Barn, Daniels County	April 11, 2005
Three Valleys State Bank, Three Forks, Gallatin County	April 11, 2005
Armitage, Joshua and Martha House, Helena, L&C County	May 10, 2005
Gebo Barn, Carbon County	June 1, 2005
Canyon Creek Charcoal Kilns, Beaverhead County	June 2, 2005
Abraham and Carrie Erb Residence, Yellowstone County	June 9, 2005

Toston Bridge, Broadwater County	July 20, 2005
Gilpatrick-Root House, Helena, Lewis & Clark County	August 10, 2005
Hecla House, Melrose vicinity, Beaverhead County	August 10, 2005

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- ✓ One property officially determined eligible by the Keeper of the National Register: Catholic Block Historic District, Missoula (not listed due to owner non-concurrence).
- ✓ Regularly discussed and met with owners of historic properties interested in listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Field visits in support of pending nominations of Eagle Butte School (Choteau vicinity), Elkhorn-Coolidge Historic Mining District (Beaverhead National Forest), Billings Commercial Historic District expansion, as well as proposed Butte-Anaconda NHL expansion.
- ✓ Routinely provided information to public inquiries regarding properties which are currently listed in the National Register of Historic Places.
- ✓ Documented and concurred in 252 evaluations of eligibility and 660 evaluations of ineligibility of historic and archaeological properties (i.e., “consensus determinations,” primarily under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act).
- ✓ File support to the Montana Historical Society National Register Sign Program in the production of 84 interpretive plaques commemorating National Register listed properties in 23 of Montana’s 56 counties.

***. Continue to financially assist owners in preparing National Register nominations through the Montana Land Title Association (MLTA) Foundation historic property fund {Goal/Objective: II.3}
(Completed)***

- ✓ \$10,000 funding provided by MLTA Foundation in FY2005 for SHPO administered assistance to owners in preparing nominations of property to the National Register of Historic Places.
- ✓ Gebo Barn (Carbon County) listed in National Register June 1, 2005.
- ✓ Tash Ranch (Beaverhead County) passed review board September 24, 2005.
- ✓ Fund also contributed to photographic documentation of Adams Hotel in Lavina (Golden Valley County) and Charlie & Nancy Russell Honeymoon Cottage in Cascade (Cascade County) to be nominated for listing in FY2006.

***. Promote and actively assist a federal or state agency in the nomination of a historic property to the National Register of Historic Places {Goals/Objectives: II.3; V.2}
(Completed)***

- ✓ OTO Homestead and Dude Ranch, Gallatin National Forest listed October 12, 2004.
- ✓ Morgan-Case Homestead, Lolo National Forest listed February 9, 2005.
- ✓ Canyon Creek Charcoal Kilns, Beaverhead National Forest listed June 3, 2005.
- ✓ Toston Bridge (Broadwater County; listed July 20, 2005) and Belt Commercial Historic District (Cascade County; listed December 23, 2004). Nominations prepared by Montana Department of Transportation Historian Jon Axline in consultation with SHPO.
- ✓ Draft federal agency nominations in progress: Elkhorn-Coolidge Historic District (Beaverhead National Forest); New World Mine District (Gallatin National Forest); Babb-Piegan Border Station and Chief Mountain Border Station (General Services Administration); Beartooth Highway (Federal Highways Administration and Yellowstone National Park)
- ✓ Advised, reviewed and supported National Historic Landmark designations for Rosebud Battlefield (Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks) and Wolf Mountain Battlefield (Bureau of Land Management). Participated in and supported Traveler's Rest NHL boundary revision (Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks).

DEVELOPMENT/ACQUISITIONS/COVENANTS PROGRAM

. Perform regular, allowable activities relating to historic property development, acquisition and/or covenants that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: the review or preparation of "pre-development" plans; assistance in the material conservation of National Register listed properties; support for the acquisition and preservation of historic sites; preparation and provision of technical assistance in historic architectural preservation; and the development and monitoring as provided for in historic property preservation agreements {Goals/Objectives: I.4; III.3; V.1; V.2; V.3; V.4}

- ✓ SHPO entered into a 50 year preservation covenant with the University of Montana for the Daly Mansion, Ravalli County, recipient of a National Park service Save-America's-Treasures restoration grant.
- ✓ Consulted with Lewis & Clark County and interested citizens pursuant to deed preservation covenant regarding impact on historic integrity of proposed new facility developments at the Lewis & Clark Fairgrounds.
- ✓ Provided technical review and comment to the Montana Department of Commerce on ten (10) historic building preservation projects submitted as

applications for support in 2004-2005 under the Montana Tourism Infrastructure Investment program (aka TIIP grants).

- ✓ Hands-on participation by staff in USDA Forest Service *Passport-in-Time* field historic building preservation and rehabilitation project at Monument Peak Lookout, Lewis & Clark National Forest.
- ✓ Reviewed research designs for proposed Montana Archaeological Society Bear Gulch Rock Art project and Virginia City Pracsch Blacksmith archaeological testing project; reviewed pre-development plans for the Lalonde Ranch, Missoula.

PRESERVATION TAX INCENTIVES PROGRAM

. Perform regular, allowable activities related to the federal and other tax credit rehabilitation programs that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: providing technical assistance and information to organizations and individuals related to the use of federal, state, and local tax incentives; and the review, inspection, and certification of federal tax act projects pursuant to 36 CFR 67 {Goals/Objectives: I.3; III.3; V.1; V.3}

- ✓ Several million dollars invested in Preservation Tax Incentive projects completed in or still in progress in FY2005.
- ✓ Federal Tax Act Credit projects completed in FY2005 (Part 3 certifications):

Acme Building, Billings
Electric Building, Billings
Culbertson House/Pacific Hotel, Fort Benton
Missoula Mercantile Warehouse, Missoula

- ✓ Federal Tax Act Credit projects active and in progress in FY2005 (Parts 1 & 2):

L & L Building, Billings
Masonic Building, Billings
Oliver Building, Billings
Thornton Building, Butte
Worden House, Missoula

. Promote the use of tax incentive programs for historic preservation through press releases, workshops, and technical assistance {Goals/Objectives: I.3; III.3; V.1; V.3} (Completed)

- ✓ Distributed federal and state tax credit information on request to private owners of commercial buildings and advised them on credits for rehabilitation projects.

- ✓ "The Federal Historic Rehabilitation Income Tax Credit", In Montana: The Magazine of Western History 54 (4):67-68 (Winter 2004) by Pete Brown, SHPO Historic Architecture Specialist.
- ✓ Tax Credit Program Presentations: Preservation Cascade, Great Falls (1/24/2005); Deer Lodge Downtown Association (2/23/2005); *Preservation Cafe* Conference, Billings (6/27/2005)
- ✓ Billings Gazette Article: "Tax Credits Help Spur Downtown Projects", March 19, 2005.

REVIEW AND COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

. Perform regular, allowable review and compliance activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: timely project reviews with qualified professional staff according to applicable federal and/or state rules, standards and guidelines; specific assistance to federal agencies in fulfilling their responsibilities under Sections 106 and 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act; the development and participation in preservation compliance agreements; and the participation as legally designated in related state preservation laws and code, including the Montana Human Skeletal Remains and Burial Protection Act and the Montana Repatriation Act {Goals/Objectives: I.2; I.4; II.2; III.1; III.2; IV.3; V.1; V.2}

- ✓ Reviewed 2,832 requests under the National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106), the National Environmental Protection Act, and the Montana State Antiquities or Montana Environmental Protection Acts (a 10% decrease from FY2004). This represents an average 11.3 review and compliance consultations/*work day*, down slightly from 12.6 in FY2004.
- ✓ Provided same-day response to majority of initial requests for SHPO information and recommendations regarding existing recorded cultural resource properties and inventories in stipulated project locations, i.e. "file searches" (Response rate = 0.41, where 0 = same day; 1 = next *calendar* day). Total number of file search responses in FY 2005 was 1871. (This is anticipated to decline significantly in FY2006 with full implementation of agreement with Natural Resource Conservation Service for in-agency direct file search access).
- ✓ Other non-file search level Review and Compliance consultations for project undertakings (e.g. comments on cultural resource survey reports, evaluations of eligibility, determinations of effect, memoranda of agreement, programmatic agreements) were reviewed on average within 8.7 *calendar* days, down slightly from 9 *calendar* days in FY2004, and significantly from a 13 *calendar* day turn-around in FY2003.
- ✓ Participated in the development of and signed 15 Memoranda of Agreement (MOAs) and 8 Programmatic Agreements (PAs) with federal agencies and other

concurring parties for the consideration of adverse or potential adverse effects to historic properties under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Received special recognition from National Trust for Historic Preservation for role among multiple agencies and organizations in development of US Army Corps of Engineers Missouri River Main Stem System Operations and Management Programmatic Agreement.

- ✓ Hosted 37 meetings with representatives of state and federal agencies, applicants, organizations and other interested parties regarding specific project developments and undertakings.
- ✓ Made 13 on-site visits, as requested by local, state, tribal and federal agencies for review of pending or ongoing compliance projects.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

. Perform regular, allowable activities relating to the certification of local governments in the Certified Local Government (CLG) program that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: certification as eligible under Section 101c of the National Historic Preservation Act; processing of applications for certification or amendments of certification agreements; development of state program guidance and procedures; and monitoring and evaluation of existing CLG performance under sub-grants. {Goals/Objectives: Goal V.2; V.3}

- ✓ Allocated and passed-through \$78,500 (13%) from FY2005 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) to 15 Montana communities and/or counties currently participating in the Certified Local Government program, exceeding the 10% minimum requirement.
- ✓ Communicated regularly with all and visited on-site with majority of the 15 Montana CLG communities during the year.
- ✓ Organized and held two statewide CLG meetings: October 2004 in conjunction with the Montana History Conference in Whitefish and June 2004 in conjunction with the *Preservation Cafe* Workshop in Billings.
- ✓ Performed formal performance evaluations and audits of four CLG programs per rotational schedule: Anaconda, Deer Lodge, Bozeman and Carbon County.
- ✓ Provided SHPO orientation for new Deer Lodge, Livingston and Havre Historic Preservation Officers.
- Continued working with Butte/Silver Bow County CLG to remove from probationary status - unchanged during FY2005.

OTHER ACTIVITIES (inc OUTREACH and MULTIPLE PROGRAMS)

. Perform regular, allowable other activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: organization and participation in historic preservation outreach and education programs; assistance to HABS/HAER documentation projects; the support of statewide and local preservation organizations; and the conduct of other activities that cross-cut other program areas
{Goals/Objectives: All}

- ✓ Routinely provided expertise in historic architecture, architectural history, place-based history and archaeology to programs and projects of the Montana Historical Society, including restoration activities of the original Governor's mansion.
- ✓ SHPO staff presentations at the Montana History Conference, Montana Statewide Preservation Conference (*Preservation Café*), Montana Historical Society lecture series, Bureau of Indian Affairs-University of Montana Tribal Archaeology Training Workshop, and the annual Montana Ghost Town Preservation Society meeting.
- ✓ Co-sponsor of Montana Archaeology Awareness Week (April 11-17, 2005). Organized and implemented distribution of 520 Archaeology Week posters (*"Scarred Trees Along the Route of Lewis & Clark"*)
- ✓ Assisted Bureau of Land Management in ARPA (Archaeological Resource Protection Act) violation investigation.
- ✓ Networked and collaborated with national preservation partners, including National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO) and National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP).
- ✓ Provided support to and worked cooperatively with the statewide non-profit Montana Preservation Alliance (MPA).
- ✓ Provide field and file support to the Montana Heritage Project, a Montana Historical Society-based high school heritage curriculum program for rural community schools. (Featured in FY2004 Historic Preservation Fund annual report).
- ✓ Service on and to the Montana Heritage Commission, state owners and managers of historic properties in the Virginia City NHL, Nevada City, and Reeder's Alley (Helena).
- ✓ Participated in Lewis & Clark Explore-the-Big-Sky national bicentennial signature event (Great Falls: July 2, 2005), United States Forest Service centennial celebration (Helena: June 16, 2005), Montana Mammoth Atlatl Hunt and Demonstration (Ulm Pishkun: June 25, 2005), and Native American heritage Day (Helena: September 23, 2005).

- ✓ Supervised three student volunteer preservation internships in State Historic Preservation Office: Britni Thornburg (Helena High School: archaeology), Rahael Manley (Carroll College: history), and Claire Hilmer (Boston University: archaeology).
- ✓ Established communication and coordination with new Montana Mainstreet Program.

***. Conduct a biennial Preservation Awards Ceremony in conjunction with the 2005 Montana State Legislature to recognize owners of newly listed National Register properties and individuals or organizations committed to historic preservation
{Goals/Objectives: I.1; I.4; II.3; V.2; V.3}
(Completed)***

- ✓ 2005 Biennial Preservation Awards Ceremony hosted by SHPO with Montana Lt. Gov. John Bohlinger presenting, held at the Montana Club, Helena, January 20, 2005. (150 in attendance).
- ✓ 27 owners of properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places 2003-2004 presented with Certificates of Registration.
- ✓ 2005 Presentation Awards:
 - Barb Pahl, National Trust for Historic Preservation (SHPO Award)
 - Butte Citizens for Preservation and Revitalization (Local Preservation Award)
 - Chuck Mead, Albion (Volunteer Award)
 - Doncaster Round Barn Restoration, Twin Bridges (Governor's Award)
- ✓ Retiring Historic Preservation Review Board members recognized
 - Germaine White, Pablo (1999-2003)
 - Chris King, Winnett (1995-2003)
 - Steve Aaberg, Billings (1996-2004)

***. Revise and post a comprehensive Montana Preservation Services Directory
{Goal/Objective: I.2, 3&4; III.2; IV.3; V.2}
(Partially Completed/Ongoing)***

- ✓ Montana Preservation Contact List (“Who's Who”) updated
- ✓ Preservation Professional Consultant list (historic architects, historians, architectural historians, archaeologists) contacted for updated information. New and revised information posting in progress.
- Revision of sections on preservation law and preservation funding/incentives to be completed.

***. Participate in the development by the Montana Historical Society of a middle school textbook for Montana history, incorporating knowledge and appreciation of Montana's significant prehistoric and historic properties {Goals/Objectives: I.1; III.1; IV.2}
(Partially Completed/Ongoing)***

- ✓ As a member of the Montana History Textbook Review Committee met with contracted author to discuss outline and content.
- ✓ Provided primary review of chapter on Montana pre-history.
- ✓ Provided resources and comments on additional chapters.
- Textbook to be completed in FY2007

***. In conjunction with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, seek a forum with Montana Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (THPOs) to explore and establish common ground and coordination of historic preservation efforts {Goals/Objectives: IV.1-3; V.2}
(Partially Completed)***

- ✓ Participated in Bureau of Indian Affairs - University of Montana Tribal Archaeology Training Workshop, May 2005.
- ✓ Participated in BIA- U of M - Northern Cheyenne Tribal Historic Preservation Office Buffalo Jump Excavation, June 2005.
- ✓ Met individually with Blackfeet, N. Cheyenne, Rocky Boys & Crow Tribal Historic Preservation Officers.
- ✓ Provided support to Governor's Intertribal Council.
- Lack of SHPO funds prevented organizing a special THPO forum.

***. Participate in and support local efforts to develop National Heritage Areas in Montana {Goals/Objectives: I.3; III.3; V.1; V.3}
(Completed)***

- ✓ Developed and supported a Montana Heritage Area listserve for online discussion by interested parties.
- ✓ Actively supported ongoing efforts to form an Alder Gulch National Heritage Area, centered upon Virginia City NHL.

***. Partner with other agencies and organizations in organizing a statewide preservation workshop {Goals/Objectives: I.4; IV.2; V.2}
(Completed)***

- ✓ Took lead in developing 2005 statewide preservation workshop, "Preservation Cafe" held in Billings, June 26-27. (85 in attendance)

- ✓ Co-organized by Western Heritage Center, Yellowstone Historic Preservation Board, and Montana Preservation Alliance.
- ✓ Sponsorship by National Park Service and National Trust for Historic Preservation.
- ✓ Nine presenters, including SHPO staff Pete Brown (SHPO Historic Architecture Specialist) and Damon Murdo (SHPO Cultural Records Manager).

***. Stimulate awareness of and prepare and disseminate information for the preservation of Montana's historic county courthouses {Goal/Objective: V.4}
(Completed)***

- ✓ 2005 Montana Preservation Poster: County Courthouses. (mailing list = 1200)
- ✓ Developed and sent letter to each historic county courthouse inviting visits to SHPO website and contact information for technical assistance.
- ✓ Provided informational support for the proposed 2005 Montana County Courthouse Preservation Act (HB 614 - failed).
- ✓ Provided technical assistance and review for Madison County Courthouse Save-Americas-Treasures (SAT) restoration project.